



Deer Creek Lake TR. NO. 015 & 048

Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

General Description: A nice day hike to Deer Creek Lake and access to other lakes in the area. Can be made into a multi-day trip by combining other trails in the area.

Mileage: 3.0 miles

Difficulty: Foot: easy/moderate

Bike: easy/moderate

Horse: easy

OHV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road

Elevation loss / gain: 690 feet

Water availability: Water is available at Deer Creek Lake and other nearby lakes and streams. Filter or treat all water.

Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year-round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows are dangerous during thunderstorms.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Deer Creek Lake, Lower Bowns Reservoir

The Trailhead: The trailhead is north of Highway 12 at approximately milepost 96.8 north of Boulder. There is a sign along the highway. Drive 0.4 miles to the parking area and trailhead register.

The Trail: The Deer Creek Lake area is a diverse ecosystem where pine forest, aspen stands, rock fields, meadows, wetlands and water all converge in a beautiful setting.

The trail threads through a few rock berms and a post fence then becomes well-defined. The trail climbs gradually until it intersects the Great Western Trail at 1.4 miles. Turn left (west) then at 2.5 miles a short trail leads north to Deer Creek Lake.

There are other small lakes in the vicinity. Hidden by a ridge just north of Deer Creek Lake is Green Lake - a long, narrow and deep lake in a boulder filled valley. The easiest access to Green Lake is from the northwest inlet to Deer Creek Lake. Circumvent the marshy inlet on the west, then go east over a small rise to the lake.



Legend

- 001.9 GWT Deer Creek Section Non-Motorized Trail
- 015 Deer Creek Trail Highway
- 016 Chriss Lake Trail Main Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- 048 Deer Creek Lake Trail Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- 132 Road Number Seasonal Road (All Vehicles)
- 12 Highway 12 Closed Road (For Reference Only)
- P Trailhead

